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Minutes

Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee met at 5:30 p.m., on November 4, 2024, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall at 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Chairman Craig Tufts, Members Nicole Fox, Greg Bakos, Ian McGregor

Absent: Member Dick Lemieux

Staff: Alec Bass (Senior Planner), Karen Hill (Transportation Engineer)

Guests:

1. Introductions

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tufts called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

2. Minutes – August 5, 2024

On a motion made by Member Fox, seconded by Member Bakos, the meeting minutes of August 5 were approved. All in favor.

3. New Business

a) Overview of City-Wide Bike-Ped Crash Data (June 2024, July 2024, August 2024)

The committee noted a trend of bicycle at fault due to riding on the sidewalks, which may be caused due to not having adequate provisions to drive on the streets.

Ms. Hill shared that staff is investigating the ability to map the Bike-Ped accident data. Noting when and how to maintain the database will be something to determine.

The committee noted a trend that often it seems the bicycle is found at fault, while pedestrians are less likely to be at fault. Conversation ensued about possible causes and if it is due to pedestrian infrastructure is simple and commonly understood, whereas not so much with rules and infrastructure of bicycle. Noting information and understanding of the rules may be beneficial to add into D.A.R.E. programs, Driver's Education programs, or somehow getting this information to school aged children to increase safety.

The committee noted what appeared to be a more common incident occurrence location being Loudon Road near the Exit 14 ramps. This location should be looked at more closely once the mapping is conducted and perhaps as the conversations of the I-93 Bow Concord project moves forward to see if

any remediation can be considered.

4. Old Business

- a) 2010 Bike Master Plan – Hot Spots

The committee discussed that this item was discussed with item 3a. They did consider looking at the hot spot actuals against what the master plan hot spots may have been.

5. Paving Schedule and the CIP Update

Staff stated there were no updates.

6. TPAC Meeting Update

- a) I-93 Bow Concord Update to be discussed at November 7, 2024 full TPAC meeting.

The committee noted this will be discussed at the full TPAC meeting, mentioning that the full committee should look at pedestrian and bicycle connections being moved forward.

The committee discussed that the Storrs Street concepts should be considered against the three design proposals.

7. Bike/Ped Subcommittee Referrals from TPAC

- a) 2021 Sidewalk Priority List and Grading Criteria review

The committee discussed combining Latent and Existing demand categories. As well as using zoning as a basis for those categories.

The committee discussed adding or modifying new access to account for collectors or arterials which may have sidewalk on one side but a need for a second on the other side.

The committee, after looking through the rankings and criteria, determined that the current set of criteria and weights seemed to have produced a sensible ranking list. Adding, that it was only 2021 when this adopted by council. Another look may be justified after at least five years of being in place.

- b) FY 2025 Budgeted CIP 78 and CIP 17 and future considerations.

Staff will look to map the top 50 city wide street rankings to better evaluate which may be segmented, orphan projects, which will not be eligible to be completed during a CIP project.

8. Other Discussion Items

9. Adjourn

On a motion made by Chair Tufts, seconded by Member McGregor the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. All in favor.